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1. A THREE-DAY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE HUMAN
AND NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE ISLAMIC WORLD WAS HELD IN
DACCA MARCH 20-22. THE CONFERENCE WAS SPONSORED BY
THE ISLAMIC SOLIDARITY FUND AND THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT
OF THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE AND ORGANIZED BY THE BANGLADESH
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. THE DACCA MEETING WAS THE FIRST
OF FIVE PROPOSED CONFERENCES.

2. THE CONFERENCE WAS CALLED TO DISCUSS WAYS
IN WHICH ISLAMIC COUNTRIES CAN COOPERATE ON ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS. THE
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MEETINGS, DWELLING ON PRELIMINARY ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS,
CONCERNED THE NEED TO ESTABLISH STUDY GROUPS OF SCIENTISTS,
ECONOMISTS AND MEDICAL EXPERTS TO FORMULATE SPECIFIC
JOINT VENTURES. AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE,
TWENTY-EIGHT RESOLUTIONS WERE APPROVED. AMONG THE MORE
NOTEWORTHY WERE THE RESOLUTIONS:

--TO REQUEST THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCE GENERAL
SECRETARIAT TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ENSURE
PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT AMONG MEMBER COUNTRIES IN
TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT;

--TO PROMOTE THE GROWTH OF EFFICIENT TECHNOLOGY
WITHIN THE ISLAMIC WORLD TO REDUCE DEPENDENCE ON
NON-MUSLIM SOURCES;

--TO SURVEY THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE MUSLIM
WORLD FOR COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES;

--TO DEVELOP A WORLD CENTER FOR ISLAMIC STUDIES
AND TO INTRODUCE ARABIC AS A COMPULSORY LANGUAGE
IN THE NON-ARABIC SPEAKING COUNTRIES OF THE GROUP.

3. COMMENT: THE CONFERENCE INITIALLY RECEIVED ITS
SHARE OF ATTENTION IN THE LOCAL PRESS AS PRESIDENT ZIAUR
RAHMAN GAVE THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS. FROM PRESS ACCOUNTS
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